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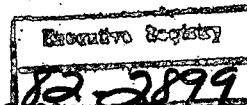
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: [REDACTED] Director, Intelligence Community Staff
SUBJECT: Status of Implementing Changes in STAP Procedures

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1. I understand that you will be meeting with [REDACTED] Chairman of the Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP), on Wednesday. Before you speak with him you may want to review the progress we have made toward implementing the procedural changes that you outlined for the STAP at its quarterly meeting a month ago.

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- Selection of a permanent Executive Secretary should be completed within a week. Bob Gates and Les Dirks have been asked to have their recommendations to me by tomorrow. Once I have received the names of all the nominees, I will discuss them with [REDACTED] Bob and Les. Unless you or Bobby want to be consulted before a decision is made, I would expect to notify my choice by early next week.
- Memoranda outlining the studies that STAP has currently under way are being drafted. Normally such a memorandum would be prepared before work is actually begun. But, in order to provide as much direction as possible to those studies that are already under way, we have asked the STAP staff to provide their suggestions on what should be included. I would expect the first of these to be ready for your signature by the end of the week.
- One meeting has already taken place between the current STAP Secretary and the Director of NSA's Advisory Board. Once a permanent Secretary is named, I expect coordination with this group and others in DIA and DoD will be expanded.

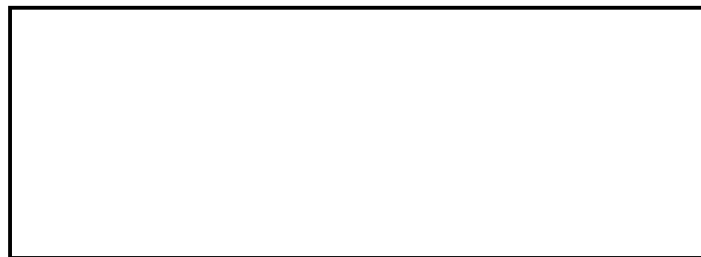
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2. [] is likely to request that you reconsider the recommendation to hold semi-annual rather than quarterly general STAP meetings. We recommended holding two rather than four because most of the productive work is accomplished by sub-panels or working groups that meet between the general meetings. We have a limited amount of money to devote to STAP and would prefer that it be used to further the sub-panel activities that are under way and that may be called for. Reducing the number of general meetings will also allow more time for busy STAP members to devote to the more productive sub-panel studies. Should Gordon make a strong case for more frequent general meetings, you might consider acceding to three per year.

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3. It would be helpful if you would let me know whether you and Gordon agree to any amplifications or changes in these recommendations following your meeting with him.

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